

PROCLAMATION.

Call for an Important Meeting.

Whereas, the cotton planters of the Southern States were compelled to pay an extraordinary high price for jute cotton bagging during the year 1888 by a trust or combination on the part of the manufacturers of that article; and,

Whereas, it has been currently reported that some kind of a combination has been formed by dealers to again raise the price of jute bagging, in anticipation of a demand for that article to wrap the coming crop of cotton; and,

Whereas, in order to resist the evil effects of such combination, the President of the State Alliance of Georgia did wisely convene the State Alliance of that State in called session to deliberate upon the best plan of resisting or neutralizing the power of said trust; and,

Whereas, delegates from other States were invited to participate in said meeting, and did so participate, and the result of said meeting was a definite conclusion and provisions made for a plan of action; and,

Whereas, this conflict if gained by the Alliance will require the co-operation of all the cotton States, and all the cotton States desire to so co-operate; and,

Whereas, if they do so co-operate and the entire cotton belt should decide to use a substitute for jute there may be some question as to the availability of a sufficient supply in time to meet so large a demand:

Now, therefore, I, C. W. Macune, President of the National Farmers' Alliance and Co-operative Union of America, do issue this my official call for a meeting to be held in the city of Birmingham, Ala., on the 15th day of May, at 10 o'clock a. m., said meeting to be composed as follows:

Each State Business Agent.

Each State Exchange, one delegate.

Each State Executive Committee, one delegate.

Each President of State Alliance to appoint one delegate.

The object of said meeting to be—

1st. To decide upon the necessity of all the States co-operating in the conflict with the jute bagging trust.

2d. The ability of the order in each State to assist in the conflict.

3d. To ascertain whether, in the adoption of a substitute, a sufficient supply can be secured for all sections; and, if not of one substitute, to determine how many substitutes will be necessary, and what quantity of each.

4th. To adopt measures for the guidance of the brotherhood throughout the season and select appropriate committees to carry out their plans.

For the purpose of rendering this move still more effective, and to further cement the friendly relations and prospective union with the National Agricultural Wheel, Hon. Isaac McCracken, President of that order, is hereby invited to send like delegates from the various Wheels.

For the purpose of utilizing time and assisting the work, a committee, composed of Dr. J. T. DeJarnette, of Georgia; H. P. Bone, of Alabama; T. A. Clayton, of Louisiana, is hereby appointed to collect data as to supply and cost of the different substitutes and report to the meeting as soon as convened.

Vice-President L. L. Polk is appointed a committee of one to extend an invitation to the jute bagging trust to present anything they may have to say to this meeting, if they so desire, either written or oral, and to extend the same invitation to the various jute, cotton, pine straw, or other bagging manufacturers.

Delegates are requested to post themselves thoroughly as to the condition of their constituents and the extent of their ability and willingness to co-operate.

C. W. MACUNE,
Pres't N. F. A. and C. U. of A.

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